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## COSTLY FIRE AT LYCEUM THEATRE

During Progress of Entertainment  
Fire Starts in machine booth, Burning Machine, and Films—J. E. McCutcheon Painfully Burned.

During the progress of the moving picture show at the Lyceum theater Wednesday night, about 8:30 fire started in the fire proof machine booth of the place and in a few moments a thousand dollars worth of damage was done.

J. E. McCutcheon, who was operating the machine, escaped death narrowly, but both of his hands were painfully burned.

The picture machine, valued at \$175 was burned and about \$500 worth of films went up in smoke within a few moments. These are a total loss as it is impossible to carry insurance on them. The building was damaged about \$500, which was fully covered by insurance. The crowd walked out in very orderly fashion and no one was injured. The fire was confined to the booth and the actors did not know that anything unusual had happened until the fire was practically over.

The fire department was called out and extinguished the flames with chemicals.

The theatre fortunately had another picture machine, and the attractions will be given tonight without interruption.

The fire may have started from a short electrical circuit.

## GRONNA AND CORRIGAN TALK FOR LAFOLLETTE

Prominent Speakers Talk to Large Crowd at Opera House Saturday Afternoon.

Senator A. J. Gronna and former Asst. Atty. Gen. Walter D. Corrigan of Wisconsin spoke to a very large crowd at Jacobson's opera house Saturday afternoon. They are strong supporters of LaFollette, whom they claim is entitled to the support of the progressives of North Dakota. Mr. Corrigan made one of the most eloquent addresses ever heard in Minot. He attacked Roosevelt in many particulars. He accused Roosevelt of being in favor of the reciprocity measure and says that Teddy forced Taft upon the people.

Senator Gronna commended LaFollette for his stand for a tariff commission, and his fight against Canadian reciprocity.

## MOUNTRAIL COUNTY SOCIALISTS ACTIVE

Select Complete County Ticket at Convention Held at Stanley Saturday.

The Socialists of Mountrail county met in convention at Stanley Saturday and nominated a complete county and legislative ticket. In some localities in the county, the Socialists are very numerous and it is said that there will be quite a surprise when their votes are counted in the fall.

## GLENBURN FARMERS' STORE SURE THING

Anthony Walton, who stands a very good show of being one of the next Ward county commissioners, was down from his north prairie farm Monday with a big load of produce. He says the new farmers' store at Glenburn is a sure thing. Last Saturday the farmers raised \$875 in just a few minutes, and will meet again next Saturday to elect a board of directors.

## BOUGHT \$10,000 WORTH OF TIRES

The Minot Vulcanizing and Auto Supply Co. have just purchased \$10,000 worth of automobile tires, besides have stocked up extensively in auto accessories. This is the only exclusive tire and auto supply west of the Twin Cities and the auto owners of the western part of the state have learned that the institution can save them money during a season.

## BOYER & LINDBERG'S STORE TO BE ENLARGED

Building to Be Extended 65 Feet and Elegant New Fixtures to Be Installed—Stock Increased Extensively.

The popular Boyer & Lindberg clothing store is to undergo some very extensive improvements soon. John Ehr, who owns the building in which the store is located, will begin early in the spring, the work of extending the building to the alley, a distance of 65 feet.

Mr. Boyer, while in the east, ordered new oak fixtures, glass clothing cases and other fixtures, which will make this one of the very finest clothing stores in the state.

## JUDGE DAVIS MAKES GOOD ADDRESS AT STANLEY

Judge Davis, Minot, republican candidate for Congress, spoke in the court house hall Wednesday evening, when a good sized audience listened to what he had to say on the issues of the day from a republican standpoint. He laid the lash most unmercifully to trusts, combines and monopolies, telling the voter that the remedy lay in his own hands—namely the ballot box. It was the duty of every man to take an interest in matters pertaining to government and it was his duty to help eliminate opportunities for amassing fortunes at the expense of the workingman. Concluding he urged the voters to study the political situation conscientiously and calmly and he was not afraid of the outcome. The Hon. Davis was attentively listened to throughout—Stanley Promoter.

## FARMERS WELCOME TO REST ROOM

Mrs. Jos. Hunt, who is now in charge of the Farmers' rest room, basement of the Masonic temple, says that the farmers are always more than welcome to make that place their headquarters. Mrs. Hunt is a farmer's wife, having lived on a North Dakota farm for seven years, and as a girl resided upon a farm. She's the right kind of a woman for a place of that kind, and always makes the farmers and their families feel more than welcome.

## CAN'T FORGET GEORGE WASHINGTON

Peter Vandenoever tells of dining at a Canadian hotel a short time ago. The proprietor, a big Englishman, remarked: "Well, this is Ash Wednesday, and tomorrow is Washington's birthday. Three cheers for Washington." The way the fellow gave the cheers made Pete mad and he remarked: "That man Washington carried a nasty musket for the Johnnies, didn't he?" The hotel proprietor sneaked off.

## BURLINGTON FARMERS BUY REGISTERED STALLION

A company of Burlington farmers, consisting of M. D. Graham, C. O. Almy, H. A. Khurer, John W. Drummond and O. K. Spire have purchased a two year old registered Percheron stallion, weighing 1600 pounds from Finch Bros. of Joliet, Ill.

## ELSBERRY WILL HOLD BIG SALE

Fine Chance to Buy Some Tested Milch Cows—Some Choice Cattle to Be Sold.

J. E. Elsberry, of the Riverside dairy who is going into the thoroughbred cattle business exclusively, is advertising to sell all of his grade milch cows and considerable choice young stock. Advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue. The cattle have all been tested by the state and are in fine shape. Mr. Elsberry bought the best cattle he could secure and they are disposed of at this time because of no fault. The sale will be held March 28.

## ELKS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The following officers for the Elks lodge for the ensuing year were elected at a largely attended meeting on Saturday night:

Exalted Ruler—Harvey F. Hamilton.  
Esteemed Leading Knight—Halvor L. Halvorson.  
Esteemed Loyal Knight—Ben Hultgren.  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight—G. S. Woolledge.  
Secretary—John L. Fahey.  
Treasurer—Robert E. Barron.  
Trustee—W. S. Bond.  
Tyler—James J. Dwyer.

## MINOT GIRLS ARE STATE CHAMPIONS

The Minot Girls' basketball team defeated the Carrington team in this city Friday night, the score being 16 to 3. This makes the Minot girls' team the champions of North Dakota. The same night Grand Forks defeated the Minot boys' team 13 to 34. Grand Forks has one of the best teams in the state and Minot had not hoped to win this game.

## ELSBERRY SETS 'EM UP.

The Independent force is indebted to J. E. Elsberry of the Riverside Dairy for two gallons of prime butter milk. If anybody has been laboring under the false impression that printers never indulge in anything like buttermilk, its time they had become wise. As one of them remarked, it invigorates but does not inebriate. No more torpid livers around this joint. We'll throw physic to the dogs but not Elsberry's buttermilk.

## 'THE ROUGH WRITER.'

Ben Whitehead has started a political publication at Bismarck which he has named "The Rough Writer." Ben is an able writer and will touch up the high spots in each county in the state.

## BASE BALL RUMORS.

Cook, who managed the famous Red Wing base ball team last year, has written Minot parties, in hopes of securing the management of the Minot team this year. McGarry, who played third base for Minot two years ago, will manage the Valley City team this year.

## ARE YOU AWARE

IN THE COURSE OF ONE YEAR THE BALANCE OF YOUR WATCH MAKES 167,680,000 REVOLUTIONS? THINK OF IT!

In time the oil gums, produces friction and wears the delicate bearings, destroying their high finish and perfect fit, thus ruining an accurate timepiece.  
An ordinary machine is oiled daily. Your watch should be oiled once a year.  
Let us examine it; an honest opinion from us will cost you nothing.

(The sign of THE BIG STREET CLOCK)  
**HART SWALSTEAD**  
MINOT, N. D.

## GEORGE E. DUIS FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

While the Independent does not pretend to be a Democratic paper, we realize that many of our readers are Democrats and we want to say just a word concerning one of the candidates for Democratic National Committeeman, George E. Duis of Grand Forks has worked most unselfishly in the interests of his party, and he has never asked any favors of that organization prior to this time. It seems only fitting at this time that the Democrats elect him as their National Committeeman.

## CONCILIATORY.COM. URGES EARLY ACTION

Important Meeting Held at Commercial Club to Urge South Hillers to Take Immediate Action.

The conciliatory committee on the matter of settlement of the normal school site difficulty consisting of Grant S. Youmans, M. R. Porter, H. H. Kemper, E. S. Person and R. E. Barron, met at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday afternoon with Atty. E. R. Sinkler, who represented those fighting for the South Hill site. The purpose of the meeting was to urge the South Hillers to get busy as soon as possible, if they propose carrying the decision of Judge Templeton to the supreme court, that that body may decide the matter at an early date.

Minot now wants the normal school. The majority of the people do not care so particularly where the school is to be located as they do to locate it, and the entire city is depending upon the fair-mindedness of those who favor the South hill to push the matter without delay.

## THE WIDE AWAKE TOWN

Logan on-the-Soo looks to be, and is a very small town, but a more lively place cannot be found in N. D. The people are always planning for some means of enjoyment and their plans prove good every time. And everything they have is well attended.

The last social event, which was given on Friday evening of last week consisted of a delightful program, spelling bee and lap supper. All was a great success.

Mrs. William Hecker sang a beautiful solo. A quartet was rendered by some of Logan's select singers, which was much enjoyed. Miss Bessie Grier of Sawyer gave two readings which were exceptionally fine. All of these numbers and many more met with great applause and were heartily enjoyed.

The spelling bee was successfully carried out. Mrs. Teets, Miss Grier and Miss Whitted won in this feature. After this a delightful lap supper was served.

"All this in one evening". Don't say Logan is a dead place.

—A Subscriber.

## MCCOY HAS METROPOLITAN STORE

Ladies' Stock of Ready to Wear Garments and Furnishings is Very Complete.

One would scarcely know the McCoy Department store since the work of remodeling has been completed. We doubt if any store in the large cities can show a finer lot of fixtures. The ladies ready to wear line is complete in every detail, and it would be hard to find a better assortment of up to date merchandise and at better prices in the larger cities than can be had at this place.

## MOTOR CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

The automobile men of the city are enthusiastic in the movement for better roads. The Magic City Motor club has been organized, the object of the association being to work in unison with the county commissioners and township officials in spending and money raised by he auto tax, to the best advantage.

Officers were elected as follows: President, H. M. Shirley; vice presidents, A. A. Robinson, H. L. Halvorson, Fred Willman, Wm. Murray and Fred Dale; secretary, F. L. Sherman; treasurer, H. H. Kemper.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cox are the proud parents of a fine ten pound daughter, that arrived Saturday morning. Mrs. Cox is staying in the city for the present at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bond.

## MINOT LONG ON ELECTIONS.

Minot is long on elections. It has just been discovered that the term of F. B. Lambert, park commissioner, will expire soon, and a city election will be held March 19, the date of the presidential primaries, to elect a member for this position. Mr. Lambert, we understand, is a candidate for the place. He's a good safe man and the voters could do no better than return him. Park commissioners are elected for five years.

## CIGARS FROM MANILA AND MEXICO

The Independent is indebted to N. J. Coddington for some choice cigars, sent by his brother, E. A. Coddington, from the Philippines. His brother has been superintendent of the publication department of the government at Manila for years. Mr. Coddington, while in Mexico bought some Mexican cigars, and gave us a chance to pass judgment on them as well.

## COOK HAD FINE TRIP.

F. E. Cook of Logan went to Whitewater, Wis., with Major Person and accompanied the two carloads of blooded cattle to Minot, arriving Tuesday. Cook said he had a fine trip home, as all he had to do was to milk 22 head of cows night and believes he must have wasted \$50 worth of the fine lactal fluid. While in Wisconsin he selected sixteen first class cattle.

## BRANCH ADDS CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Preparing for Big Easter Sale, Announcement of Which Will Appear Next Week.

The Branch store has added a children's department, with dresses and coats for children between the ages of one and fourteen years. The store recently received a large stock of ladies' and misses' coats, suits, waists, petticoats, gossies, under muslins, etc., which will be placed on sale at a bargain. Mr. Glaser, who was in the east, states that much of the stock was bought direct from the manufacturers and says they are priced strictly right. Watch for the announcement next week.

## JAMES BUCHANAN MAKES VISIT TO MINOT

Progressive Candidate for Governor in the City Today—Says LaFollette Will Get Fifty-five per cent of Republican Votes.

James Buchanan, republican candidate for governor of the state, on the Progressive ticket, is in the city today. He called at the Independent office and talked for a short time of present political conditions. He said: "I am sure that LaFollette is going to win at the Presidential primaries. He will get fifty-five per cent of all the republican votes cast. Roosevelt will get about 35 per cent and Taft about ten per cent. I find that the Taft sentiment is gaining a little, many voters considering that Roosevelt has not treated the big fellow squarely."

Mr. Buchanan has been making a number of political addresses. At York, where himself and Senator Gronna were stranded Wednesday morning by reason of snowy automobile roads, arrangements were made for a meeting and in an hour a crowd of 150 gathered.

Pure bred Buff Orpington eggs for sale, \$2.00 per setting or \$6.00 per hundred. Call or address, I. T. Zook, Rural phone 9N, Minot R. 4.

## ELMER A. LAING DIES FROM APPENDICITIS

Prominent Glenburn Man Passes Away This Morning—Had Been Prominently Engaged in Farming—Was a Member of De Molay Commandery.

Elmer A. Laing, a prominent business man and farmer of Glenburn, died this morning from a short illness from appendicitis. Mr. Laing was about forty years of age and leaves a wife and two children. He was engaged in the farm implement business at Glenburn for a number of years, and in recent years had been conducting a large farm near that place. He was a first class citizen and leaves a host of mourning friends.

Mr. Laing was a Mason, being a member of De Molay Commandery of this city.

## BETTER FARMING EXPERT HAS ARRIVED

W. A. Peck, a Practical Man, Has Charge of Minot Territory—A Young Man With Every Qualification.

W. A. Peck, who is sent here by the Better Farming association, arrived today. He will leave tomorrow returning about March 25. Mr. Peck has had charge of a large ranch at Lavinia, Mont., for some time. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and was connected with the U. S. department of agriculture for five years, in charge of Farm Economics.

Mr. Peck is a practical farmer, having been reared on an Indiana farm. He has made a study of agriculture in all of its phases.

"In my experience," he said, "I have found the tendency in any community is to stick to the money crop. In the south, the farmers continue to grow cotton until the soil is impoverished. In the middle west it is corn and in the west it is wheat."

Mr. Peck is here to lend an assistance that he can for those who wish to farm under the direction of the association.